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For: **OBJECTIVE LENS FOR OPTICAL DISK**

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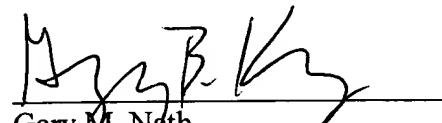
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- (2) Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal;
- (3) Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.114; and
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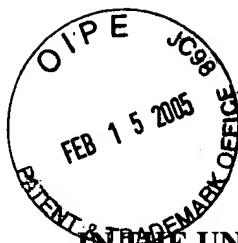
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Sir:

This is a full and complete response to the Final Office Action having a mailing date of November 18, 2004. The three month shortened statutory period to respond is set to expire February 18, 2005. In the event this paper is not timely filed, Applicants petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fee deficiencies or credit any overpayments of Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

In view of the following arguments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding objections and rejections and allow all claims pending in this application.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.